

# City of Fertile

## City Council Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2010 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

### Call to Order & Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Jeff Berg, Penny Miller, Tad Miller, Cindy Peters and Pat Renchin; Maintenance Manager Craig Koch and City Clerk Eddie May.

### Minutes Approval

- *Cindy motioned, Pat 2nd to approve the August minutes.* Motion Carried.

### Tim Tuttle – Hunting the Lagoon

- Mr. Tuttle requested permission for him, and his sons, to be able to hunt and trap at the lagoon this fall.
- *Pat motioned, Tad 2nd to approve a special permit for hunting and trapping at the lagoon for Tim Tuttle and his sons.* Motion Carried.

### Community Center / City Hall / Library

- The City has submitted a grant request to the Worth County Development Authority for the purchase of the former Cherry Tree Builders building on Highway 9. The City has a tentative purchase agreement to buy the building for \$125,000, contingent upon grant approval. The grant request is for \$90,000. The City would also borrow \$35,000 on a short-term loan to be paid for with the regular monthly WCDA allocation. No taxes or personal donations would be required to purchase the building.
- If the grant is approved, the City will then begin a capital campaign to raise the funds necessary to adapt the building for use as a community center and city hall. The City would apply for a WCDA grant in the spring to cover any costs not already raised during the capital campaign.
- During this time, the City will also research the exact costs, pros, and cons for building the new library either at the new location, or on Main Street at their current location. All of the facts will be presented to the residents of the City and an informal poll will be taken before the first grant will be written for the Library.

### Mayor's Report

- The City received \$2,735.64 to cover 7 liens against 3 properties.
- ICAP Insurance does not have grants available for security cameras, the City will continue to look for grants for a surveillance system.
- On 8/26 a man was found lying on Park Street. He was confused and trying to stay warm. Worth County Sherriff's Dept. transported him to safety.
- Last month, the City sent letters to Dan Lee and Dustin Heit regarding commercial signs on residential property. Dustin removed his sign. Dan was expected at the Council meeting but could not make it. Home based businesses need to apply for a special permit before erecting a commercial sign on their property.
- The Restricted Residence ordinance was passed on May 7, 2002 and is available for review at the Library, City Hall and online.
- The DOT also mandates that all signage, other than DOT approved street signs be moved out of the right-away.
- The City will be seeking bids for a maintenance contract for the mower.
- According to State Law 321.247, operators of golf carts must have a valid driver's license and must obey all traffic laws. The cart must have a slow moving vehicle sign as well as a bicycle flag. The number of people on the cart is determined by the number of seats the cart has. Each passenger must be seated at all times, within the confines of the cart, and cannot be in the basket or club area. For more information, Google Iowa Code 321.247.
- Vandals tore down and broke several of the new flag poles that the Garden Club put up on Main Street. They have also broken lights on the footbridge.
- If anyone is interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch program, please call City Hall and leave your name and phone number on the machine.
- Halloween will be observed on Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 pm.

### Maintenance Report

- Craig has found 2 serious water leaks between the shut off valve and meter at 2 properties. They are in the process of fixing the leaks.
- Lagoon floats are getting tangled up, requiring regular maintenance. The Fire Department will help Craig clear up the mess and get the floats working again.
- Craig, and the Fire Department, will be blowing out culverts and tile this fall.

### City Clerk's Report

- Eddie presented the August financials.
- The following statistics report the % of budgeted revenue received year-to-date as well

as the % of budgeted expenses spent year-to-date (17% of year).

	General	Roads	Water	Sewer	Landfill	Total
Income	7%	15%	14%	14%	14%	15%
Expense	19%	3%	18%	18%	15%	19%
Net Income	\$-10,666.40	\$3765.44	\$-2046.28	\$-2852.69	\$-177.82	\$-11,977.75

- *Cindy motioned, Pat 2nd to approve the August Expenses.* Motion Carried.

### Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at Fertile City Hall.

**Adjourn - Pat Motioned, Jeff 2nd to adjourn.** Meeting adjourned.

City of Fertile						4:35 PM
Account QuickReport						09/22/2010
As of August 31, 2010						Cash Basis
Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Paid	
<b>Checking</b>						
Check	08/01/2010	Auto	First State Bank	Fire Dept Loan	-2,455.15	
Deposit	08/03/2010			Local Option Sales Tax	1,866.53	
Deposit	08/03/2010			Casino	2,393.02	
Paycheck	08/04/2010	5309	Koch, Craig A.	paycheck	-701.15	
Paycheck	08/04/2010	5308	Bruns, Warren	paycheck	-308.17	
Paycheck	08/04/2010	5310	May III, Edgar F.	paycheck	-488.52	
Paycheck	08/04/2010	5311	Russell, Joyce	paycheck	-597.54	
Deposit	08/04/2010			Deposit	7,064.06	
Check	08/05/2010	5313	Downtown Cafe' V	Community Meal - Fertile Days	-2,000.00	
Check	08/05/2010	5314	Joley Bruns	Gold "Winner" Medals - Fertile Days	-24.07	
Check	08/05/2010	5315	Jean Marie Dahn	Teen Games - Fertile Days	-76.12	
Check	08/06/2010	5312	US Post Office	Postage	-112.00	
Check	08/07/2010	5316	Skretta, Etc.	Fertile Days Band	-400.00	
Deposit	08/09/2010			Utility Bills - PayPal	723.63	
Check	08/10/2010	6091	Hakes, Tom	NSF	-110.00	
Check	08/11/2010	5333	Peters, Cindy	Fertile Days Supplies	-103.81	
Check	08/11/2010	5334	Knudson, Lloyd & Loni	Deposit Returned	-150.00	
Bill Pmt -Che	08/11/2010	5317	Alliant Energy	Electricity	-1,368.94	
Bill Pmt -Che	08/11/2010	5318	Aukes Lawn & Pest LC	Mosquito Spraying	-900.00	
Bill Pmt -Che	08/11/2010	5319	Central Lock & Key Inc.	Key Copies	-147.61	
Bill Pmt -Che	08/11/2010	5320	Crescent Moon	Porta-Poties	-315.00	
Bill Pmt -Che	08/11/2010	5321	Hawkins, Inc.	chlorine	-10.00	
Bill Pmt -Che	08/11/2010	5322	IDNR	Storm Water Discharge Permit	-210.00	
Bill Pmt -Che	08/11/2010	5323	Kramer Ace Hardware	Round-up	-111.95	
Bill Pmt -Che	08/11/2010	5324	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	Repair leak on by-pass - Water System	-69.57	
Bill Pmt -Che	08/11/2010	5325	LGI	Testing	-11.00	
Bill Pmt -Che	08/11/2010	5326	Midwest Pipe Supply	drop-in lid for water valve box - Water	-18.00	
Bill Pmt -Che	08/11/2010	5328	Pronto	truck and mower gas	-114.23	
Bill Pmt -Che	08/11/2010	5329	UPS	testing	-18.77	
Bill Pmt -Che	08/11/2010	5330	Waste Management	landfill/recycling	-1,845.74	
Bill Pmt -Che	08/11/2010	5335	Krieger's Greenhouse & Garde	Garden Club	-95.18	
Bill Pmt -Che	08/11/2010	5331	Maquire Iron, Inc.	Service Agreement/Maintenance Contract	-1,550.00	
Bill Pmt -Che	08/11/2010	5336	Miller, Penny v	Garden Club	-344.77	
Bill Pmt -Che	08/11/2010	5332	WCTA	telephone/internet	-144.07	
Bill Pmt -Che	08/11/2010	5327	NIACOG	10th Monthly Installment	-300.00	
Deposit	08/11/2010			Utility Bills / Fertile Days / Comm Ctr	3,227.49	
Check	08/12/2010	5337	US Post Office	Postage	-44.00	
Deposit	08/17/2010			Streets	1,944.84	
Paycheck	08/18/2010	5338	Koch, Craig A.	Paycheck	-761.28	
Deposit	08/18/2010			Utility Bills / Deposit / Garbage Bags	1,973.52	
Bill Pmt -Che	08/25/2010	5339	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-109.43	
Bill Pmt -Che	08/25/2010	5340	Crescent Moon	porta-poties	-100.00	
Bill Pmt -Che	08/25/2010	5341	Municipal Managemnet Corp.	find water leak	-650.00	
Bill Pmt -Che	08/25/2010	5342	Verizon Wireless	cell-phone	-42.70	
Deposit	08/25/2010			Utility Bills / Road Tax	3,663.11	
Deposit	08/30/2010			Utility Bills - PayPal	261.03	
Deposit	08/31/2010			Interest	13.90	
Total Checking						6,322.36
<b>Roads Revenue Accounts</b>						
Deposit	08/31/2010			Interest	9.92	
<b>Water Revenue Accounts</b>						
Deposit	08/31/2010			Interest	1.63	
<b>Sewer Revenue Accounts</b>						
<b>Checking</b>						
Deposit	08/31/2010			Interest	3.62	
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>6,337.53</b>